IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A flame retardant silicone composition comprising

(A) 100 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane having at least one lower alkenyl group in a molecule, represented by the following general formula (1):

$$R_a R^l_b SiO_{(4-a-b)/2}$$
 (1)

wherein R is a lower alkenyl group, R¹ is a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon group free of aliphatic unsaturation, "a" is a positive number of 0.0001 to 0.2, "b" is a positive number of 1.7 to 2.2, and the sum of a+b is 1.9 to 2.4,

- (B) an organohydrogenpolysiloxane having at least two hydrogen atoms bonded to silicon atoms in a molecule, in an amount to give 0.1 to 5 silicon atom-bonded hydrogen atoms per alkenyl group in component (A),
- (C) a platinum catalyst in an amount to give 0.1 to 1,000 ppm of platinum element based on the weight of component (A), and
- (D) 0.0001 to 1 part by weight of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of indoline, 1,2,3-triazole, 1,2,4-triazole, imidazole, indazole, benzoxazole, 2-hydroxybenzoxazole, 5-benzyloxyindole, 1,2-benzisoxazole, 2,1-benzisoxazole, and 1,3-benzodioxole.

Claim 2 (Original): The composition of claim 1 wherein components (A) and (B) contain low-molecular-weight cyclic siloxane fractions D_3 to D_{10} in a total amount of up to 1,000 ppm.

Claim 3 (New): The composition of Claim 1, comprising indoline.

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Claim 4 (New): The composition of Claim 1, comprising imidazole.

Claim 5 (New): The composition of Claim 1, comprising indazole.

Claim 6 (New): The composition of Claim 1, comprising benzoxazole.

Claim 7 (New): The composition of Claim 1, comprising 2-hydroxybenzoxazole.

Claim 8 (New): The composition of Claim 1, comprising 5-benzyloxyindole.

Claim 9 (New): The composition of Claim 1, comprising 1,2-benzisoxazole.

Claim 10 (New): The composition of Claim 1, comprising 2,1-benzioxazole.

Claim 11 (New): The composition of Claim 1, comprising 1,3-benzodioxole.

Claim 12 (New): The composition of Claim 1, wherein the organopolysiloxane having an least one lower alkenyl group in a molecule is capped at both ends of its molecular chain with triorganosiloxy groups.

Claim 13 (New): The composition of Claim 12, wherein the organopolysiloxane is a straight-chain organopolysiloxane.

Claim 14 (New): The composition of Claim 1, wherein the organopolysiloxane is a branched organopolysiloxane.

Claim 15 (New): The composition of Claim 1, comprising:

dimethylpolysiloxane capped with dimethylvinylsiloxy groups at both ends of its molecular chain;

a methylhydrogenpolysiloxane of the following formula (3)

a chloroplatinic acid/vinyl siloxane complex; and

benzoxazole.

Claim 16 (New): A cured transparent and flame retardant composition obtained by curing the composition of Claim 1.

Claim 17 (New): An integrated circuit covered with a flame retardant composition obtained by curing the composition of Claim 1.

Claim 18 (New): The integrated circuit of Claim 17, wherein the cured composition is in the form of a transparent gel or transparent rubbery product.